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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON VIETNAMESE TROOPS IN LAOS

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED JULY 8 TO
RESPOND TO POSSIBLE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REUTERS REPORT ON
VIETNAMESE TROOPS IN LAOS:

BEGIN TEXT

Q: THERE IS A REUTER REPORT THAT A SENIOR THAI PROVINCE
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OFFICIAL HAS SAID VIETNAM HAS SENT A DIVISION OF TROOPS
TO LAOS WITH THE AIM OF OCCUPYING THE COUNTRY. HAVE YOU
SEEN THE REPORT AND WHAT IS YOUR REACTION?

A: WE HAVE SEEN THE REPORT BUT HAVE NO SPECIFIC REACTION.

Q: ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY RECENT SIGNIFICANT VIETNAMESE

TROOP INCREASE IN LAOS?

A: WE HAVE OBSERVED SOME INCREASES IN RECENT MONTHS, BUT ARE UNSURE OF THE FIGURES.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR ESTIMATE OF VIETNAMESE TROOP STRENGTH IN LAOS?

A: AS I'VE SAID, WE ARE UNSURE OF THE FIGURES BUT WE ESTIMATE SOMEWHAT MORE THAN 20,000. END TEXT.

2. PRESS GUIDANCE WAS NOT USED JULY 8, BUT WE MAY EXPECT QUESTIONS IN THIS VEIN IN FUTURE. VANCE

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